THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE ELIPE DHARMA RAO

WRIT PETITION No.17002 of 2005

Between:

K.Trinatha Reddy

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and

The Government of Andhra Pradesh and another

.. Respondents

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O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed to declare the action of the respondents in not disposing of the application dated 16.12.2003 submitted by the petitioner for grant of mining lease for latryte, iron ore mineral to an extent of Ac.1470.00 in Sy.Nos.874 and 888 of Tummalur village, Pendlimarri Mandal, Kadapa District, as illegal and arbitrary.

It is the case of the petitioner that he submitted an application, dated 16.12.2003 along with relevant documents for grant of mining mease. The third respondent-The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Kadapa issued a letter dated 16.12.2003,

stating that the applied area would be inspected on 16.01.2004 and requested the petitioner to be present in the office on that day. Accordingly, the third respondent inspected the said area. The petitioner stated that though he submitted the application on 16.12.2003, the respondents have not passed any orders so far. He came to know that the applications of the persons, who have submitted subsequent to his application, have been processed. Hence, the petitioner is constrained to file this writ petition seeking necessary direction in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology.

The limited grievance of the petitioner is that though he submitted an application on 16.12.2003 for grant of mining lease for latryte, iron ore mineral to an extent of Ac.1470.00 in Sy.Nos.874 and 888 of Tummalur village, Pendlimarri Mandal, Kadapa District, the respondents have not considered the same. However, the respondents have processed the applications, which were filed subsequent to the application of the petitioner.

In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission directing the respondents to consider the application dated 16.12.2003 submitted by the petitioner and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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02.08.2005

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